

Neighborhood Improvement Grant

This program is intended to give residents an opportunity to have direct input and influence on the improvement of Bloomington's neighborhoods. The funds provide for nontraditional capital projects with community-wide benefit. Past projects include neighborhood signs, restoration of historic sidewalks, landscaping and historical markers. The minimum amount for this award is \$2,000 with a minimum of 10% match.

Small and Simple Grant Fund

This grant provides neighborhoods with the opportunity to promote community-building activities requiring \$1,000 or less. Matching funds are \$1 to \$1; 10% cash match required. Eligible projects include:

Neighborhood physical improvement - build or enhance a tangible (physical) improvement in your neighborhood.

Neighborhood nonphysical improvement project, eg: one-time events such as special celebration, training session, educational campaign or community workshop.

Partnership Projects - pilot or start-up program that demonstrates benefits to the immediate neighborhood and the individuals involved in the partnership.

What is the role of a Neighborhood Association?

To work proactively to enhance the quality of life.

To create a unified voice for the neighborhood.

To mobilize commitment for neighborhood issues and initiatives.

Why belong to a Neighborhood Association?

Bring your voice to the table about decisions affecting your property and neighborhood.

It's a great way to meet your neighbors and organize social events.

Get to know your neighbors!

Getting to know your neighbors can have a powerful impact on your life. Research suggests that when neighbors interact, kids stay in school, crime declines and residents report improved health.

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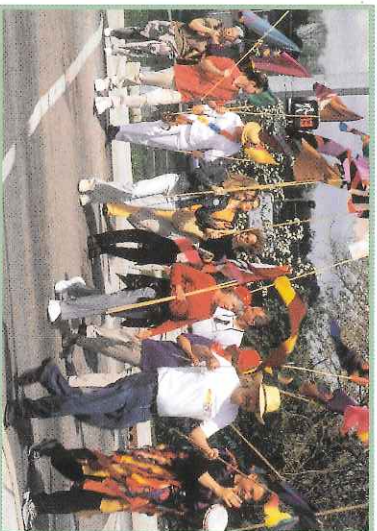
HAND Department

The mission of HAND is to provide staff assistance to neighborhoods to enhance the quality of life for Bloomington residents.

This is accomplished by developing programs, services and partnerships with public and private organizations to preserve community character, promote affordable housing and enhance neighborhood vitality.

HAND staff specializes in:

- Neighborhood Compliance
- Historic Preservation
- Affordable Housing
- Development Activities
- Neighborhood Services



Neighborhood Clean Up Grant Program

Neighborhood Cleanups are one-day events for which neighborhood residents can apply for assistance to conduct a neighborhood clean up. HAND staff works with residents to facilitate removal of tires, trash, old furniture, hazardous materials, oil, car batteries, nonperishable food and usable clothing.

Neighborhood Organizational Support

HAND facilitates communication between neighborhoods and City Departments and provides tools and resources for planning and development.

If you would like some help starting, improving or reactivating an association in your area, just contact us!

Citizens' Academy

To encourage civic involvement, HAND developed the Citizens' Academy, a nine-week program that provides participants with an interactive learning experience about City services, programs and responsibilities. Through sessions with City Departments, participants learn about the challenges of city government, budget limitations, day-to-day operations and mandates.



Blooming Neighborhood Award

This award recognizes the accomplishments of organized Bloomington neighborhood groups. There are three award categories:

- Mayor's Excellence Award
- City Council Neighborhood Enhancement Award
- HAND Neighbor of the Year Award

Neighborhood Calendar

Every year HAND furnishes a calendar with all the dates for our Neighborhood Programs & Services.

Neighborhood Planning

Neighborhood Plans help neighborhood associations develop, adopt and implement a plan for their neighborhood.